

(b) and (c). No, Sir, Coal is supplied by CIL as per linkage/sponsorship and availability of coal and railway wagons. There has been some shortfall in supply of coal to non-core sector industries. However, Ministry of Coal have now issued instructions to all coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to non-core sector industries. This is expected to improve the availability of coal to industries all over the country including Rajasthan.

[English]

Flights to Gulf Countries

5521. SHRI P.C THOMAS:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights operating from Trivandrum, Bombay, Madras and Delhi to Gulf Countries;

(b) the annual number of passengers travelling in these sectors and the number out of them from Kerala;

(c) whether the Government propose to operate more flights from Trivandrum, Cochin and Calicut to the Gulf Countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Weekly flights from the international airports to the Gulf are indicated below:-

<i>Airport</i>	<i>Total flights to Gulf</i>
Bombay	59
Delhi	13
Madras	-
Trivandrum	18

(b) The total number of passengers who travelled in the year 1990 to the Gulf were 7,21,473. It is not possible to isolate the number of passengers from Kerala.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Air India proposes to introduce one more flight from Trivandrum to Gulf. There is no proposal to operate flights from Cochin to Gulf countries. The possibility of Air India operating direct flight from Calicut to Gulf countries is under consideration.

Halt of Madras Express at Mararikulan

5522. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a halt of Madras Express to Mararikulan station in Alleppey, Kerala in view of heavy rush of passengers there; and

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Commercially not justified.

Direct Train from Delhi To Alleppey

5523. SHRITHAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a direct train from Delhi to Alleppey for convenience passengers; and

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Corruption In Vayudoot

5524. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of corruption involving high officials working in the Vayudoot pending with the Government so far;

(b) whether the cases have been investigated by the competent authority; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). While Vayudoot manage-

ment is looking into some complaints received against Chief Manager (P&A), Chief Manager (M&P), Chief Manager (Engg.) and Manager (Fin), no corruption charges have, so far, been established against any of them.

Operation of Airbus from Patna

5525. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the facilities at Patna airport to enable the operation of Airbus A-300 and A-320 from that airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The existing facilities at Patna Airport are adequate for A-320 operations. Patna has been included in the Winter 1991 schedule of Indian Airlines for A-320 operations. There is no proposal to upgrade the airport for A-300 operations as the Indian Airlines has no plan to introduce A-300 operations to Patna.

Accommodation Facilities to Government Employees Availing L.T.C.

5526. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 13, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 2919 regarding accommodation at concessional rates to Government employees and state the locations of seventeen places where accommodation at concessional rates are provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):